

Minutes

Date Wednesday, 12/06/2024

Time 10:00 AM

To Sub-Standing Committee

At Virtual, MS Teams

Subject AWERB Sub-Standing Committee

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Present:

Scientists in attendance for 1a) N/A, 1b) N/A & 1c) N/A

Apologies:

Minutes:

1. Project Licences

a) New:

The committee discussed the following:

- Further specificity required in the Benefits section.
- Further expansion of technical words or the inclusion of images in the Project Harms section.
- Further detail required in the Replacement section.
- Consideration given to whether the researcher can amend the project licence in the future should animal numbers need to be increased.
- The inclusion of references to power calculations to support the estimated amount of animals requested in the Reduction section.
- Further information required in the Project Harms section in regards to the support and care the animals will receive.
- Further information required in the Action Plan.
- The removal of specific references in step 2 of Protocol 1 as well as the inclusion of specific endpoints.
- The inclusion of time frames in regards to specific procedures planned in step 3 of Protocol 1.
- The removal of specific information from step 5 of Protocol 1, which could instead be included in the Animal Experience section.

The committee agreed changes were needed before a draft is submitted to the Home Office.

b) New:

attended on her behalf)

The committee discussed the following:

- The committee commended the Non-Technical Summary.
- Further updating of the Action Plan required.
- Further review of the steps in Protocols 5-9.



- Further detail required in regards to specific animals and the committee recommended the researcher discuss this with the NVS.
- The removal of specific references in regards to the humane endpoints throughout the steps.
- Further review of the Animal Experience section and the inclusion of what a typical experiment will look like.
- Further clarity in regards to how the researcher will manage specific adverse effects in the Animal Experience section.
- Further explanation required in regards to clinical signs listed for step 2 of Protocol 5.
- Further information required in regards to possible refinements for specific procedures planned in step 3 of Protocol 5.
- Scientific justification required for anything above the recommended guidelines in the Protocol Justification of Protocol 6.
- Further review of the answer given in the Protocol Justification section of Protocol 9.

The committee agreed changes were needed before a draft is submitted to the Home Office.

c) Amendment: [REDACTED]

The committee discussed the following:

- Further checking of the animal numbers required to ensure they are accurate in the Reduction section.

The committee agreed minor changes were needed before a draft is submitted to the Home Office.

2. Minutes of the last meeting

The minutes were not available

3. Retrospective Reviews [RR]

a) [REDACTED]

The committee discussed the following:

- Further review of the table in Section 2.1.
- Further checking of percentages listed in Section 2.5.
- Consideration given to amending Section 2.9 to share specific animal strains.
- The removal of specific reductions listed in Section 3.2.
- The committee commended the paper referenced in Section 3.7.
- Further review of the publications and papers listed in Section 4.8.

b) [REDACTED]

The committee discussed the following:

- Further detail required in regards to the incident listed in the Standard Condition 18 report in Section 2.3.
- Further checking of specific calculations in Section 2.4.
- Further explanation required in Section 2.4.
- Further clarification required in regards to how issues with funding and space have been addressed in the new project licence in Section 2.5.



- Further review of wording required in regards to reuse in Section 2.6.
- The inclusion of the estimated new efficiency rate in Section 2.8.
- Further detail in regards to specific procedures planned in the new project licence in Section 2.12.
- The inclusion of specific animal numbers in Section 3.2.

4. Retrospective Assessments [RA]

- a) [REDACTED]
- The committee discussed the following:
- The inclusion of specific animals in Section 2.1.
 - The completion of Section 2.2.
 - Further information required in regards to procedures on Protocol 9 in Section 2.4.
 - Further consideration given to Section 2.7.
 - Further amending of the answer given in Section 2.9.
 - Refinements listed in Section 2.10 can also be added to Section 3.7.
 - The committee asked if specific score sheets listed in Section 3.8 can be shared with other groups that may benefit.
 - Further consideration given to whether there are publications that can be included in Section 4.7 in regards to refinements made to Protocol 9.

5. Any other business

Non-Regulated Procedure Request: [REDACTED] – The reviewed the Non-Regulated Procedure request and had several comments for the researcher to address:

- The removal of the last paragraph in Section 17.
- The request that the researcher keeps records if animals are being reused in regards to Section 23.
- The addition of the printed name of the facility NACWO in Section 24.

The committee agreed that changes were needed before this request could receive ethical approval.

Overseas Research Request: [REDACTED] – The committee reviewed the Overseas Research request and had no comments for the researcher to address. The committee agreed this request would receive ethical approval.

6. Date of next meeting: 10/07/2024